

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WASHOUGAL HATCHERY REARING POND REPAIR

Description of Proposal: This project involves upgrading an existing earthen rearing pond located within the grounds of the Washougal Salmon Hatchery. This upgrade will consist of installing concrete sides and bottom to the existing pond. The dimensions of the concrete pond will be 450 feet long, 40 feet wide and 6 feet deep. Both ends will contain screen structures. This new pond is approximately half the length of the existing pond and wider by approximately 5 feet.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Washougal Salmon Hatchery Complex, Washougal, Washington, Skamania County; Section 14,15, Township 02 North, Range 05 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **February 4, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

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SIGNATURE:

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

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2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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